



PASTOR'S MESSAGE - Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this, we are in the fourth week of the Lenten Season. Holy Week is coming and so I wanted to share some information about what is considered to be the most Holy Time of the Christian Church Year-- Holy Week.

Palm Sunday (also Called "**The Sunday of the Passion**") marks the beginning of Holy Week. It recounts Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, with the masses waving palm branches and crying out: "Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna to our king!" These cries of excitement and joy quickly die away as the story proceeds. On this day, Jesus is entering Jerusalem for the last time in his earthly life. He knows he will be betrayed, arrested, humiliated, beaten and crucified. The rest of Holy week recounts this tragic, heartbreaking story for us.

The **TRIDUUM** refers to the three Sacred days of Holy Week- **Maundy Thursday**, **Good Friday** and **Easter Sunday**-Also called **The Resurrection of Our Lord Sunday**.

These three days are seen as ONE worship service where we remember and are drawn into the central events of Christianity-the life, death and resurrection of our Lord.

The emphasis on **Maundy Thursday** is two fold: The Institution of the Lord's Supper, and the giving of Christ's New and Greatest Commandment- to LOVE ONE ANOTHER. The word *Maundy* comes from the Latin word ***Maundatum***, which means "Commandment". The commandment to love is sharply contrasted with the betrayal that follows. We will enter into the last supper by beginning our worship around the tables in the fellowship hall,

and close in the sanctuary with hymns and stripping of the altar.

Good Friday is marked by the service of *Tennebrae*. The seven last words of Christ on the Cross are read as candles are extinguished, the sanctuary sits in silence for the *Strepitus*, a loud noise symbolizing the rolling of the stone over the tomb. This ends the service. I invite all of us to imagine, after these two services, that we do not know how the story ends. Imagine the despair in the hearts of so many who had hoped that Jesus was the Messiah!

Easter Morning dawns. We worship with joy and amazement on this morning, because that is when the women went to the tomb to discover the seemingly impossible, and unbelievable truth: The Stone is rolled away! The tomb is Empty! Christ is alive and NOTHING will ever be the same again!

I hope you will plan on coming to all services during Holy Week. The story we enter into has the power to break our hearts. And then? To raise us all up into newness of life, now and forever!

Your sister In Christ, Pastor Judy

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

HOLY WEEK DETAILS

Palm Sunday, April 13, 8am & 10am worship

French Toast Breakfast & Silent Auction 7:30-11:30am

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 6:30pm worship

Good Friday, April 18, 6:30pm worship

Easter Sunday, April 20, 8am & 10am worship



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EDUCATION/YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS FOR APRIL

If you are interested in volunteering or helping in the classrooms please contact Francine Kovash at fkovash@hotmail.com or 507-951-2234.

The lessons for April will be:

4/6 - Mary Anoints Jesus - John 12:1-8

4/13 - Holy Week - Luke 19:28-40; 22:14-23:56

4/20 - No Sunday School - Happy Easter

4/27 - Doubting Thomas - John 20:19-31

Confirmation will be on 4/27. More information to come.

Offering collected during Sunday School and to the left of the altar in the sanctuary from January through June will go to Lutheran Disaster Relief to assist in the Africa Drought crisis. July through December will go to the Channel One Food Shelf.

Thanks! Francine, Sunday School Coordinator

YOUTH GROUP

We will be having our weekly Wednesday meetings from 7-8pm in the church youth room. Hope to see you all. Kim Postier, Youth Group Coordinator

MISSION TRIP - KANSAS CITY, MO

June 22-27, 2025 - The spots are filled, and we added an additional vehicle. 20 kids are registered. Registration forms are on the kiosk. Total trip cost to families is \$375 (total per student cost is about \$650). **Payment 3 was due Mar 15, \$100.** Scholarships are available, speak with Pastor Susan privately.

GOOD EARTH VILLAGE - SUMMER CAMP

Registration is available for youth summer camp at www.goodearthvillage.org/summer Good Earth Village is our congregationally supported church camp. CLC pays for 60% of camp costs (up to \$225 max per kid) for kids attending Good Earth Village.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE

STUDY - Please join our pastor led Bible Study at 10am.

BIBLE CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Registration forms are on the kiosk, or on our website. CLC pays 60%, up to \$225 of the registration fees at Good Earth Village. For other Christian Bible Camps we will pay 50%, up to \$225 or 1/2 of the camp cost, whichever is less. Area camps to consider are Good Earth Village, Camp Victory, and Camp Omega.

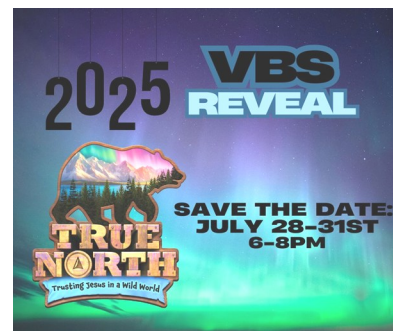
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VBS - July 28-31 from 6-8pm. More info to come.

MISSION TRIP

SHARES - Forms can be found on the kiosk. Shares are \$25 each and help cover youth and chaperone expenses on the mission trip.

There will be a presentation following the trip with treats and a video, for shareholders.



EASTER EGG HUNT

The Education Committee will host an Easter Egg Hunt for Sunday School kids on Palm Sunday 4/13 during Sunday School.



CONFIRMATION NEWS - APRIL

The confirmation students will continue hosting the Lent Soup Suppers through April 9th. Please continue watching the weekly emails for specific details. Thank you for your support!

Important dates to remember:

- 4/12: All sermon notes and service projects should be completed and turned in.
- 4/23: Confirmation pictures for 8th graders start at 6:00 in the sanctuary. Pizza and games to follow.
- 4/23: Last day of confirmation for 7th and 8th graders. We will celebrate with pizza and games.

4/27: Confirmation Sunday at the 10:00 Service.

Tina Jordahl, Confirmation Coordinator

SENIOR SUNDAY

High School senior recognition Sunday will be May 4th. A reception with cake will be at 9am, with recognition at the 10am worship service. Your CLC church family congratulates you on completing another important milestone. Families were sent an email with details on submitting your bio and participating in the service. *Please contact the office if you did not receive an email.* Scholarships will be presented.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarship applications are on the kiosk and are due in to the church office by Sun, April 13. Please submit scholarships individually in sealed envelopes marked with the scholarship's name. Three scholarship options for our seniors include the Youth Committee Scholarship, Hallaway Memorial Scholarship, and Jamsa Memorial Scholarship.

HOLY WEEK/MISC

EASTER APRIL NEWSLETTER 2025

Fear Becomes Faith, Hope Becomes Joy

Come celebrate the Good News, the best news of all, that Christ is risen and new life has begun!



I hope you plan to gather with the Christ Lutheran Church family, friends, and neighbors, as we proclaim the resurrection of Jesus on Easter, April 20. This is the most joyful day of the Christian year. We will sing, praise and imagine together what it means that the tomb is empty, and in all creation there is no match for God's power to overcome evil with good, and overcome death with life.

When the women went to the tomb on that first Easter morning, they were discouraged, grieving. In an instant, they hear the word of an angel announcing the great reversal, "Do not be afraid; I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised...Go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead and indeed, he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.'"

The resurrected Christ is always on the move, in our lives, in our church, and in our world. He is going ahead of us to make a way, even as he bids us to "go", forward into the future in the fullness of God's grace.

The call committee is faithfully doing their work, in partnership with the synod. A new beginning is developing, as Christ is already going ahead of us to stir a new pastor to join in ministry and mission here. This new beginning is also a continuation, for there is continuity in the core commitments you share, and continuity in your dedication to love God and neighbor in this community and beyond. As we continue on, going in the direction Christ leads us, staying the course, we will see him. Fear becomes faith; hope becomes joy! All because Christ is risen, He is risen, indeed!

Happy Easter! In Christ, Pastor Susan

LENTEN SERVICE SERIES - JONAH

Wed, Apr 2 God Saves Jonah and Ninevah with Persistent and Patient Love

Wed, Apr 9 Jonah Complains, God Sustains

EASTER BASKETS FOR SHUT-INS

Please join the Evangelism Committee on Thursday, April 10 at 10am to assemble and deliver Easter baskets to our shut-ins. See Diane Bisping for donations needed for this project.

EASTER BAND

Please contact Terry Bird (507-269-6106) if you're interested in playing in the Easter Band. All ages are welcome! The music is not difficult.

PAVE THE PARKING LOT - RAFFLE 2025

We are kicking off the 2025 raffle on Palm Sunday 4/13/2025. Packets can be picked up in the entry for you to sell to your neighbors, family and friends.

SAMARITAN BETHANY GOLF CLASSIC

June 26, 2025, Willow Creek Golf & Events

Flyers are on the kiosk for more information.

CLC LIBRARY PICKS BY PASTOR SUSAN...

Come browse the CLC Library for inspiration and a spiritual feast. Here are some suggestions you can check out at the Welcome Center, or find other titles or CDs that are of interest to you.

A Shepherd Looks at the Good Shepherd, Phillip Keller

The Cost of Discipleship, Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Hiding Place, Corrie Ten Boom

Vanishing Grace, Philip Yancy

Making All Things New, An Invitation to the Spiritual Life, Henri Nouwen

Music CD: Great Hymns of Faith, The St. Olaf College Choir

PALM SUNDAY FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST April 13, 7:30 - 11:30

The Youth Committee is excited to host the Annual French Toast Breakfast featuring French toast, sausage, bananas, OJ, and coffee. Profits from this event sponsor CLC youth at Summer Bible Camp and the Mission Trip. Summer Bible Camp and Youth Mission Trip opportunities are wonderful experiences. Many of our youth attend summer after summer. What a great way to invest in our youth. Mission trip youth and their families are expected to volunteer for this event.



SILENT AUCTION Time to get creative! The Annual Silent Auction will be held April 13 from 7:30am to 11:30am. The Youth Committee is requesting themed basket donations or homemade crafts for the silent auction at the French Toast Breakfast. If you or your committee are willing to submit a themed basket or items to make up a themed basket, we would be most thankful. Donations can be dropped off in the office or on Apr 12 from 9-11am. Profits sponsor CLC youth at Bible Camps and Mission Trips.

CHURCH LIFE/OUTREACH

BOOK CLUB - Book club will be meeting Tuesday, April 1st, at 6pm at church. We will be discussing the book "Stella Bain" by Anita Shreve. Feel free to join us, if you are interested, even if you haven't read the book. Our book for May's meeting will be distributed on April 1. If you have any questions you can email: Ruth Ramsey at Auntierootie@gmail.com or Kristie Nelson at Kjn0312@gmail.com

Recently seen around CLC... or not so recently...



MOVIE TIME - SATURDAY, MAY 3, 6PM

Please join us for a family friendly movie in our movie theater! We have a new screen and sound system. Movie titles will be posted on the kiosk. Popcorn will be provided, but bring your own beverage. All are welcome!

CARD MAKING

All crafty ladies, gentlemen too, looking for a fun activity. Join us in making cards for others. We meet the 3rd Saturday of the month, April 19, at church from 9 am-12 pm. Contact Kari Prigge for info.



MEALS ON WHEELS

Christ Lutheran members are delivering Meals on Wheels during the month of June. If you are interested in volunteering, call Sandy Erickson at 507-259-2321.

JOY CLUB - We will meet April 8th at 10:30 am at CLC fellowship hall. Hostess's are Joni Prigge and Carol Smith. Members who are going to add items to the Silent Auction basket, please bring them to the meeting.

BYRON FOOD SHELF

It is located in the DACS building at 630 1st Ave NW, Byron. Operating hours are: Mondays 10-11am, Wednesdays 9-11am and 12-2pm, and Thursdays 12-2pm. Request an appointment if you are unable to shop during drop in hours. 507-775-2336. CLC now sends our blue barrel collections to the Byron food shelf.


SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE HOUR - APRIL

Fellowship time between the two services needs cookies or bars. If your last name starts with I - L, please provide a batch of cookies or bars. Drop off the treats at the CLC kitchen before the 8am service.

Volunteers who are scheduled to help clean-up after fellowship time on Sundays, please see the schedule posted on the board in the kitchen. Contact Sandy Erickson, if you are not available on the date you are scheduled, for help finding a substitute.

PIZZA & PUZZLING CONTEST

Please join us for our annual puzzle contest on Friday, April 4th. We will start the evening with pizza at 5:30 and puzzles starting around 6pm.

Signupgenius.com/go/10C044DABAE2BA7FB6-christ#/




QUILTING/SEWING GROUP - APRIL 12, 9AM - NOON

We have sewn 10 baptism quilts. Our group is now going to work on quilts for Project Linus. For more information or questions please email/text Chris Polzin at mpolzin@frontiernet.net or 507-269-7579 All are welcome! (www.projectlinusrochmn.org)

SPRING CLEAN UP - Please join the Building and Grounds Committee on Sat., April 26 from 9-11am for Spring Clean-Up.

STEWARDSHIP/LENT DETAILS

CLC COUNCIL MEETING 3/18/25

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Joe Biewer.

Members present: Pastor Susan, Joe Biewer, Randy Holz, Jason Pfeilsticker, Carol Smith, Linda Danielski, Ashley Ebenhoh, Tom Tweite, and Tim Anderson.

Members absent: LuRaye Eischens, Luke Brown, Cece Meek, and DrewAnne Oestreich.

Devotions: By Randy Holz

Approval of the Agenda: Motion made to approve the agenda by Tim Anderson. Randy Holz seconded the motion.

Approval of February minutes: Motion made to approve the minutes was made by Jason Pfeilsticker. Carol Smith seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report: February income/expenses \$5,846.59, YTD \$1,956.55.

Pastor Susan offered suggestions for a council retreat, encouraging council to update organizational models and coordination of ministries. She encouraged Council members as liaisons to committees and vision-setters for the church.

Randy gave an update on the raffle to be held on Palm Sunday and the number of items that already have been donated.

A discussion was held on the staffing of the council table in the entry.

Parking lot team: Randy Holz and Terry Bird are the only members of the team. They are looking for other

members to join.

Council retreat: Carol Smith and Tom Tweite gave a recap of the "Council as Leaders" seminar.

Motion made by Carol Smith to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Jason Pfeilsticker.

Adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

The next meeting will be April 15, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Danielski

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

The soup suppers continue on Wednesdays through April 9. The soup suppers are a free will offering.

These groups will prepare our Soup Suppers:

April 2 Evangelism

April 9 Youth & Stewardship

If you find that you do not have enough members in your group that are able to donate soup or bars, please let Julie Carlblom know. We have a list of volunteers who have offered to help.

Please assign members of your group to bring:

7 containers of soup, 5 quarts or more

7 pans of bars, kids' kind are great

The confirmation classes will provide all other food items. The food needs to be at the church by 4PM. (If your soup is cold, bring by noon; if hot, by 4PM.)

The confirmation classes will do set up and clean up. In return, the money raised will help support the youth to attend summer Bible camp and/or the mission trip.

Please contact me with any questions. Julie Carlblom, Worship & Music Committee Cell: 507-250-1302

Email: jcarlblom@kmtel.com

NON-MEMBER DONATION STATEMENTS OR

ENVELOPES - If you are a non-member that gives donations to CLC and would like a donation statement or regular envelopes, please contact the office.

WORSHIP AT CLC

- In-church worship at 8am, traditional style and 10am contemporary style
- Communion offered 1st and 3rd weeks of the month at both services.
- Live Streamed services: <https://www.youtube.com/@christlutheranchurchbyronm10/streams>

DONATIONS AND THANK-YOU - Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness. Donation options include 1) mailing your offering to Christ Lutheran Church, 201 Frontage Road NW, Byron, 2) online giving <http://www.clcbyron.org/giving/>, or Venmo, or 3) drop off your offering during church services or office hours.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS - You can direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars online or call 800-847-4836. When prompted, say "Choice Dollars" and continue with the prompts. Thrivent is no longer sending out emails indicating you have money to direct. We received \$190 in February in Thrivent Choice Dollars.

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS



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Worship Times

8am Traditional Worship

10am Contemporary Worship

LiveStream Worship

Communion is the 1st and 3rd Sundays



CONTACT INFORMATION

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 Pastor Judy 507-330-0722 or peacejudy@hotmail.com
 President, Joe Biewer 701-261-5932 or jbiewer@hotmail.com

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DONATIONS

At age 70 1/2 and older, individuals may distribute tax-free up to \$100,000 annually from their IRAs to certain charitable organizations without including the amount of the charitable distribution in gross income when filing tax returns. An added benefit is this method of giving reduces gross income for the calculation determining the amount of Social Security benefits that may be taxable.

2025 COMMUNION REGISTRATION

Register once annually by writing your name on the communion list on the registration table.

2025 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Saturday, May 30-31 in Mankato, MN at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center.
 Contact Pastor Susan if you are interested in attending.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - Please pray for Kay McKay, Donna Cahill, Nora Schnick, Aubrey Dinges, Ed Korbel, Sue Hoenk, and Ali.

FIRST SUNDAY PRAYER TIME - On the first Sunday of each month, a pastor will be available for individual prayer and anointing (optional) at the altar railing, following worship. Prayers could include physical or emotional healing for yourself or loved ones. Requests at the railing are kept confidential.



ATTENDANCE

Jan 2025 Avg	139
Jan 2024 Avg	180
Feb 2025 Avg	131
Feb 2024 Avg	187
3/2/25	172
3/9/25	119
3/12 (Ash Wed)	140
3/16/25	112
3/23/25	126
3/30/25	no data
Mar 2025 Avg	132
Mar 2024 Avg	243